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JOHN R. MARKS, III, MAYOR



Honorable Commissioner William C. Proctor Jr.
Leon County Board of County Commissioners
301 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

February 27, 2004

Dear Commissioner Proctor:

This letter is in response to your letter dated February 27, 2004 regarding an audit of the City's utilities. Let's stop playing games and politicizing the issue. The request for an audit is a subterfuge to the real issue which is the need to assist our citizens in addressing their utility bills. The City will not allow any audit by the County of our utility system. That is neither the County's responsibility nor role.

What you have taken totally out of context is my response to your query that the City should demonstrate in an impartial manner to its citizens that there exists no disparity in utility rates from one part of the city to the other. I responded that whatever means might be implemented to do so, should involve the County paying for that work.

I am truly disappointed that you have used inappropriate, deceptive and misleading tactics to parlay this into something totally different than presented.

Let me ensure it is clear, there will be no audit of the City utilities by Leon County. It is my intent to explore with the City Commission appropriate means to clarify to the community how utility rates are set and that by law, they cannot be disparate.

Sincerely,


John Marks, III
Mayor

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